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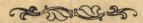
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FRANZ LISZT.

(Continued From Last Month.)

Without neglecting his ordinary duties, he was ever planning to enlarge the musical horizon of the public by presenting new and valuable compositions. It was owing to his zeal that Berlioz became known in Germany as an operatic composer, and that the most gifted among the younger generation, Joachim Raff, Peter Cornelius and others were able to obtain a hearing for their first compositions. But Liszt's greatest claim to merit rests on the performance of Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin." Every reader of the latter's biography must have noticed what a sympathetic interest Liszt took as early as 1840 in Wagner's efforts, and how, after Wagner's exile from Dresden, the Hungarian musician became the guardian angel of the German artist. In the next year Liszt felt called upon to appear publicly as the champion of his exiled brother artist, and he succeeded in so successfully conducting a performance of "Lohengrin" (August 22, 1850) that all Germany rang with its praises. Wagner writes his "Communication to my friends:" (Complete works V. 414) "One day, toward the close of my last visit to Paris, I sat

ill miserable and almost in despair, when had made him most familiar. I happened to glance at the score of my almost forgotten 'Lohengrin.' I was grieved opera. The best that man could do under who gathered about him. Liszt did not give Liszt saw at once what must be done to position, amounts to several hundred. supply deficiencies and render the work more intelligible. He explained to the peolig, Sophy Menter Amy Fay, Adele aus der ple his impression and conception of the Ohe, Charlotte Blume Ahrens, Caroline opera with convincing eloquence, and suc- Montigny, Remaury, Hans von Bulow, Karl cess crowned his efforts."

author. During the year spent in Paris bati, G. Buonamici, Hans von Bronsart, and he had already shown himself a writer in among the more recent ones ,A. Siloti, R. connection with his scientific studies, and Joseffy, B. Stavenhagen. In her letters to during his travels his literary talent had friends at home, Amy Fay gives a graphic been further developed, as may be seen by numerous letters addressed to his friends "Nothing could excel Liszt's amiability or in Paris. These letters were written in a his painstaking care, and instead of frightbrilliant, sparkling style and give proof of ening me he inspired me. Never was there unusual powers of observation.

conducive to mental concentration, Liszt's feels so free with him, and he develops the literary advancement as well as his mu-very spirit of music in one. He does not sical activity, received a fresh impetus. keep nagging all the time, but he leaves There he wrote his two most important you your own conception. Now and then works, "Frederic Chopin" and "The Music he will make a criticism or play a passage, of the Gypsies" (Des Bohemiens et de Leur and with a few words give you enough to Musique en Hongrie). The first is a me- think of all the rest of your life. There is morial address over his friend's grave, and a delicate point to everything he says, as is full of intelligent sympathy and warm subtle as he is himself. He does not say enthusiasm; the other a richly colored de- anything about the technic. That you must scription, based on thorough study of the work out for yourself. * * * Once when a strange, nomadic people and their intensely pupil was playing a melody rather feebly, characteristic music. He wrote several Liszt suddenly took his seat at the piano very valuable essays on German musicians and said: "When I play I always play for and their compositions, one on Richard the people in the gallery (by the gallery he Wagner, whose "Flying Dutchman," "Loh- meant the cock-loft where the rabble sit), engrin" "Tannhauser" and "Rheingold" are so that those persons who pay only five brought before the reader's mind by a thor- groschen for their seat may also hear someough and sympathetic analysis; other essays are on Beethoven, Weber, Field, Schu- could have heard him! The sound did not bert and Mendelssohn. He also wrote on Berlioz and Schumann, who were at that ing and far reaching. When he had finished time unappreciated. His larger literary works are on more general subjects, such as "The Position of Artists," "The Church drinking in the sound. He presents an idea Music of the Future," "The Goethe Memorial,' 'and what excites our admiration in these essays is not merely the brilliant, visible thing to him, that he always has a masterly criticism, but also the warm human sentiment toward art and fellow artists feeling expressed in every line. Thus Liszt's writings not only furnish instruction to the artist, but they are a source of recreation and inspiration for all, though the characteristic, extravagant style in which they are written, may not find favor with academic judges. 1

1 Liszt's works are written in the French at you one by one like stars." brooding over my misfortunes, for I was language with which his life and education

We shall speak later on of what Liszt to think that those tones would never be accomplished as composer during the years heard. I wrote two words to Liszt, who in spent in Weimar. Here we will only menreply announced that the most extensive tion, that in spite of his many occupations. preparations considering Weimar's means, he still found time to be an earnest and were being made for the performance of the loving teacher to the many younger artists existing circumstances, in order to render up teaching until the last year of his life, the work intelligible to the people, was and the number of pupils who received indone; but error and misconception made structions from him in piano playing, conthe desired success very difficult to attain, ducting and both literary and musical com-

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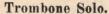






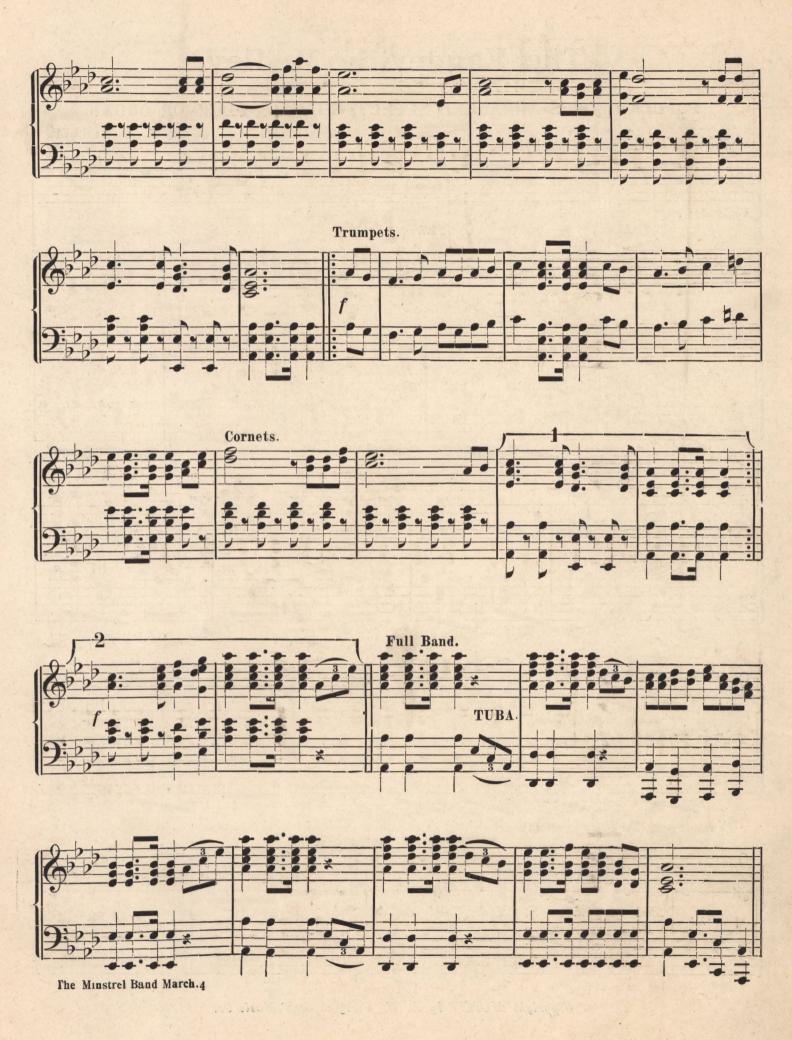


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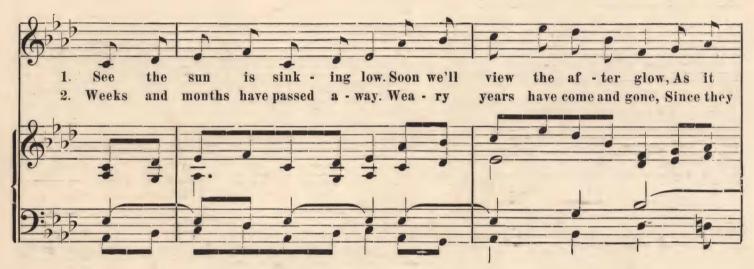
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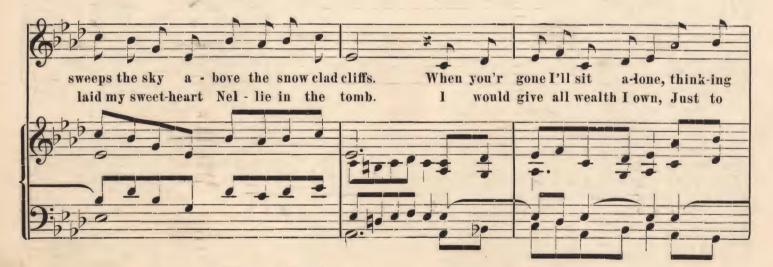
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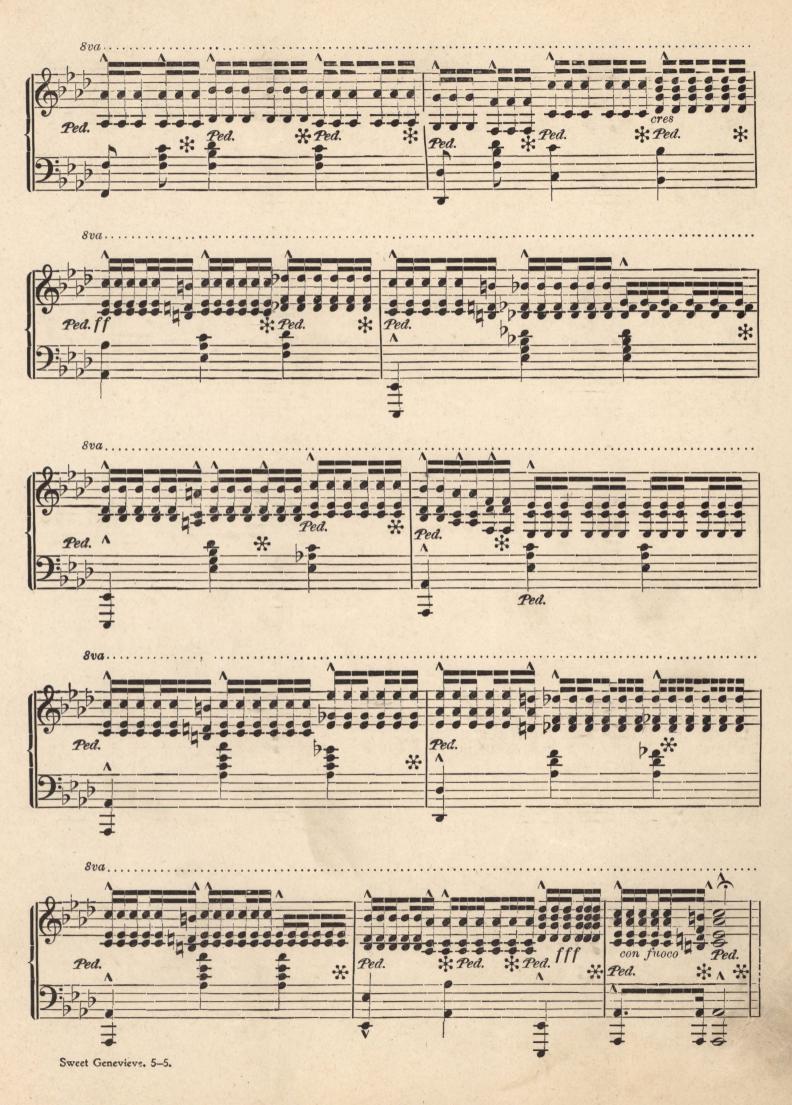
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